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DELINQUENCY "And We Are Not Sa

I said, "Doctor, yours is a tremendously important job."

Without a momen't hesitation

he looked me in the eye and said,

I said, "Doctor, you are right. You deal with lives. I deal with

I am dealing with eternal des-

tinies tonight. There may be some-

body in this service tonight who

will never hear the gospel again.

It may be that God sent you to

this service tonight just to give you another chance to be saved.

I am not going to try to preach

you a big sermon. I am going to

try to make you face the issue to-

night. I am going to see to it, God

helping me, that every one of you

who listen face the issue of your

soul. I have not done my duty as a preacher until I have taken the

blood of a sinner off my hands and

thrown it back on his own soul.

My duty is to so preach when I

stand before a crowd that every-

body there who goes out unsaved

has no excuse. That is my respon-

left everybody who hears him

"Not as important as yours."

Director, World-wide Monthly Tract Club, Interim pastor, First Baptist Church, Spokane, Washington

"Youth Pays with Life," "Boy of 14 Commits Crime," "Girl Takes Own Life," "Curfew Laws Invoked," "Boy Kills Baby Sister," "Juvenile Crimes Increase," "Judge Warns Parents."

Those are but a few of the forth a bumper crop of criminals." stark headlines which scream ominously from our daily news-Abroad today are such contributing conditions as these-For the year 1942 in the cases of boys under 21 there were increases of arrests over the previous year: for disorderly conduct 26 percent, for assault 17 percent, for drunkenness 30 percent and for rape 10 percent. For girls under 21 the FBI shows an increase of 55 percent in arrests; arrests for drunkenness an increase of 40 percent over the previous year, for disorderly conduct 69 percent, for homicide 29 percent, for prostitution 69 percent, for other sex offenses 104 percent, for vagrancy 24 percent. "The increases were greatest among girls 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, but even among girls under 15, there was an increase of over 49 percent. Today the situation is worse," says J. Edgar Hoover: He also added, "This country is in deadly peril. We can win this war and still lose freedom for all America, for a creeping rot of moral disintegration is eating into our nation. I am not easily alarmed or easily shocked, but today, like thousands of others, I am both ALARMED AND SHOCKED. The arrests of teen-age boys and girls all over the country are staggering. Some of the crimes youngsters are committing are almost unspeakable: prostitution, murder, rape. These are ugly words but this is an ugly situation. You read in the news columns of the most flagrant cases — the sordid movie theater gang assault in New York—the vicious railroad murder in Houston-the tragic case of the sixteen year old boy who killed his little sister after unmentionable cruelties. These are not isolated horrors from another world—they are danger signals which every parent, every

heed." When we reflect that nearly 20 percent of our crime is committed by boys and girls less than voting age, this fact together with all the foregoing facts and figures portend dark days ahead for a nation whose criminal army already aggregates 4,750,000 and costs approximately \$15,000,000,000 annually. Of this crime army nearly 1,000,000 teen-age boys and girls like some great blighting plague are sweeping across the countryside. This crime ladened, sexmaddened, beer-drinking, marijuana smoking, theater-going, "gang" of boys and girls is without question the most serious menace in America and easily constitutes the FIFTH COLUMN within our gates.

responsible American should

Parental Delinquency

LISTEN, MOTHER AND DAD! This writer believes it is not so much a matter of youth delin-quency as it is a "mother and fath-

J. Edgar Hoover, the nation's best authority on this subject, says, "Every new case that comes to my desk adds to the overwhelming evidence that when youth commits crime, a greater crime has already been committed in the home. The first respon-



Rev. C. A. Cooper

sibility rests upon 'parents'."

To this statement the Bible



Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.) One day I saw a doctor operate without excuse. I am going to try not saved. You are either on the a patient, a boy about twelve to do that tonight. This is my text: road to Heaven or you are on the on a patient, a boy about twelve years old. The doctor was taking out his appendix. I never saw a part of the twentieth verse of the man concentrate as he did. Every eighth chapter of the book of Jernurse was on her tiptoes mentally. emiah. The whole verse says: "The Everybody was bending over the harvest is past, the summer is job. When the operation was over, ended, and we are not saved."

By Rev. Bob Jones, DD., LL.D. Founder and president, Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenness

(Sermon preached at Evansville Rescue Mission, Evansville, Indiana, March 10, 1946.

Every Person Saved or Lost

There are just two classes of people here tonight: the saved and the unsaved. There is no middle ground to this question. You canground to this question. You can-not be neutral. When Jesus Christ was in this world He said very priests and some deacons and definitely: 'You are either with Me or you are against Me.' There is no middle ground. When any great issue comes up nobody can be neutral. You have to be on one side women I have met and yet die and go to Hell. You can be as good as some lovely women I have met and yet die or the other. When any right and wrong principle is set forth, you have to take one side or the other. There was a time in this country when a man might be a pretty good American citizen and be pro-German. But that time came to an end-we went to war with Germany. Everybody in America in recent years has been either for Uncle Sam or has been for Germany. Everybody in America has been for Uncle Sam or has been There is no middle for Japan. ground to it. You cannot be neutral. It is impossible to be neutral sibility. No preacher has dis- in issues of this kind. You are on charged his obligation until he has one side or the other.

You are either saved or you are

"And we are not saved." That is a road to Hell. There is no middle ground. That is a hard thing to get people to face. Sometimes I walk up to a man and say, "Are you a Christian," and he says, "I am just as good as some people in your church." Listen, you can be just as good as some church people in Evansville, Indiana, and yet die and go to Hell. You can be as good as some preachers 1 some elders and some stewards and some trustees I have known and go to Hell. You had better play this thing safe.

I am a practical sort of fellow I want to know what I am doing And I do not want to take any chance with my soul. I am sixtytwo years old. Of course, I may outlive some of you; but we are not here forever. With every heartbeat we are going down life's road toward the end of the journey. want to know where I am going I want to know what my destiny is. I want to know where I am going to spend eternity. I have to live somewhere as long as God Almighty lives, and I want to be sure about where I am going to spend it.

Men and women, it is a terrible thing to be a sinner. It is a terrible thing to be lined up against Almighty God. It is a terrible thin: to be unsaved. If the Bible is se (and I do not say "if" with any question in my mind), if there is God, if there is a Heaven and a Hell, it is an awful thing to be lost. The older I get the more i think about what a terrible thing it is for men to go through this world, to live their lives to the end and die without God.

More About Tongues

Tongues No Evidence of Holy Spirit Baptism.
 A False and Heretical Tongues Movement in Bible Times at Corinth.

Tongues Are for a Sign, Not to Them That Believe But to Them That Believe Not.

4. "Forbid Not to Speak in Tongues." Why?

By Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor

ing With Tongues," the editor nence among New showed what speaking in tongues Christians except in the case of was like in Bible times. It was the carnal and worldly-minded a miraculous speaking to those Corinthians. Even there it was of other nationalties in their own severely rebuked by Paul (I Cor. languages. The "speaking in chapter 14), who, by divine intongues" that occurred at Pente- spiration, urged the Corinthians cost was well understood by those to covet earnestly the BEST gifts heard them speaking. each one 'in his own language wherein prophesy" instead of talking in he was born.' There was no confusion, no speaking in a language which could not be understood by discouraged by the Holy Spirit, those present, and did not edify, at Pentecost. The Bible does not teach that New Testament Chris- his understanding than ten thoutians ever spoke in some heavenly language, not regularly spoken gue! by man. We noticed also that people in Bible times understood people in Bible times understood week was, "The modern tongues what they said when the Spirit movement is not what Christians moved them, and that "the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets," and that speaking in practiced by various branches of tongues (foreign languages) was Pentecostal people is contrary to to these unbelievers. Whether all er delinquency." Harvey Firestone, Jr., says, "The seeds of
crime are fertilized by a laxity in

tongues (foreign languages) was reflected to the teachings of the New Testathese gifts are in existence today,
ment and the example of the Bible does not say. At least the rearing of children and bring and least important of spiritual apostles."

Last week in the article, "Speak- gifts and was given no promi- Tongues No Evidence of Holy Testament "rather that ve and seek tongues. Seeking to speak in tongues (foreign languages) was who had Paul to write that he had rather speak five words with sands words in an unknown ton-

My conclusion, expressed last had in the book of Acts" and again, "I am convinced that speaking in tongues as taught and

Spirit Baptism

One of the chief claims of those who take part in the modern tongues movement is that speaking in tongues is the 'initial evidence' of the batism of the Holy Ghost. It is often taught that speaking in tongues is done in two ways, (1) that every Christian, if truly baptized with the Holy Ghost, will manifest it by speaking in tongues, and (2) some Christians have the gift of tongues and can speak in tongues at will or at least frequently.

The Pentecostal position wrong on both these points. On the second question, it is true that there was in Bible times such a thing as a gift of tongues whereby some people were miraculously empowered to speak the gospel to unsaved people of other languages who heard them, as a sign (Continued on page 6)

All Not Born Again Are Los!

If you have not been born again you are lost. When Jesus Chris was here on earth a man named

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Dr. Bob Jones

"And We Are Not Saved"

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Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, a scholar, a gentleman, a religious leader came to Him. If Nicodemus had been in this town he would have been chairman of the official board of a church. If he had been in this town, he would have been a delegate to your conference, your convention, or your assembly. He went to see Jesus Christ. The holy eyes of Jesus searched him and He said, "Nicodemus, you must be born again." If you have not been born again you are a lost man or a lost woman. You may be a nice sort of fellow, you may be kind to your wife, and kind to your family, you may be a good friend; but if you have not been born again, the only thing between you and Hell is a heartbeat. And that is a mighty little thing to be between a man and Hell. I bless God that between me and Hell there is a cross and on that cross a bleeding Lamb.

I went through a clinic recently. The doctor told me that my heart was perfect. He said he had never examined a more perfect heart. But William Jennings Bryan was told that just a few days before he died. I had another friend who went through a clinic and was pronounced perfect and yet died in less than a week. As far as I know I am all right, but I would hate to think that all that is keeping me out of Hell is this pumping in my bosom.

"Ye must be born again." You may be a lovely girl; you may be a modest, refined, sweet girl with the luster of purity in your eyes and the rose of modesty on your cheek; but you will have to be born again if you are not saved. I never shall forget when that truth dawned on me. Jesus was not talking to a drunkard when He said, "Ye must be born again." He was not talking to a libertine when He said it. He was talking to a scholarly gentleman. You had better play this thing safely. You had better not take any chances.

You Had Better Play Safe

A man came to me not long ago and said, "I do not believe there is any Hell." I said, "I always figure on the worst." I never figure on the best. If there is not any Hell I will be as well off as anybody else. I figure there is a Hell. Suppose I die and go out into eternity and find there is no Hell. I will be as well off as anybody else. figure on the worst, never on the best. And above everything else. I want to play safe with my soul.

One night, years ago, a train was pulling through the snows of the Northwest. A woman with her baby in her arms and her baggage piled around her was on the train. Every time the flagman came through the train, she would say, "Flagman, don't forget my sta-The flagman would say, "Lady don't worry. I will let you know when we get there." She kept saying that and after awhile a man across the aisle said, "Lady,

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don't worry. I am acquainted with this country and I will tell you when we get there." Later the train stopped suddenly and the man across the aisle said, "Here is your station." She bundled up her packages, took her baby, and went off fussing at the flagman for not coming back to tell her. A minute or two later, the train went on. After awhile, it stopped again and the flagman came back and said, "Where is the lady who wanted to get off?"

"Why," the man said, "she got off back yonder."

"Did you tell her to get off?" "Yes, that was her station. I told her to get off there."

The flagman said, "Why, that was not a station. We had engine trouble back there. By this time, that woman is frozen to death in this blizzard with a dead baby in her arms." They sent back a searching party and found her dead in a snowbank, hugging her lifeless baby in her arms. man who put her off was honest about it; he thought he was putting her off at the right place, but he was not. Listen! You had better play this game safe. I beg you tonight to play safe!

How Do You Get Along Without Jesus?

It is a wonderful thing to be It is wonderful in this saved. world. If I knew that when I died that would be the last of me. I would want all I have now. Do not sympathize with me; I am getting along fine, thank you. I have something six inches below the collarbone on my left side that I would not give up for a million worlds. If God and Heaven and Hell and eternity could be blotted out, I would still want what I have. It is so restful to be a Christian. I do not see how people get along without Jesus Christ. When you get in trouble, you can go jump off in the river if you want to, but brother, I do something else. I have a little corner in my room where I go and talk to Jesus. It is a wonderful thing to be saved. There is an idea in this country that women have all the burdens to bear. Don't you believe it. I am talking to some man tonight with a storm in his heart that would sink all the ships at sea. Some man here tonight is making a brave fight in life and nobody knows what he has been through.

I remember during the recent World War, I walked down an alley with my wife in the late afternoon one day. There was a man, a neighbor of mine, walking up and down in the back yard of a home we passed. I said, "How are

He said, "Oh, just a little lonely, that is all. My boy was taken into the army today. I suppose I should not be like this, but I don't have but one boy, and we have always been such pals. I am just lonesome, that is all." I stood there and talked with him and tried to cheer him up. We men do not like to show our feelings so much. We hide our tears and try to hide our emotions sometimes.

I went on down to the next yard and a man was walking back and forth. I said, "Hello." He said, "Hello, Dr. Bob."

"How are you getting along?

He said, "Oh, I am all right. My boy called me just a few minutes himself up, leaned over the bench, ago. He passed through Etowah, Tennessee. He was on his way to the East and he stopped to call me. He said, 'Hello there, Dad. This is Bill. I have got to go, Dad. I have got to catch the train. Good-bye, Dad. I just wanted to say hello.' He is the only boy I have." Men have their sorrows. Men have their loneliness. I am

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who is smiling his way through the days with a broken heart. I do not know how you get along without Jesus. I cannot figure it out.

Some woman here tonight has never realized her ideal. Oh. how many times you have wept. Sometimes when all the world was asleep, you have poured out your tears on your pillow. In the morning maybe you heard the patter of little feet coming to your bed and you turned your face over in your pillow to hide your tears. What do you women do without Jesus Christ? The world has never suffered as much heartache as it is now suffering. There has always been trouble in the world, but we are living in a very uncertain day

I sometimes look into the face of my fifteen hundred students, who come from all over the United States and from foreign countries, with a little pain around my heart. They are clean young people. They do not smoke. They are not wild young people. We have never had a scandal in school. In all these years, no girl has ever gone home in disgrace to her mother. I look at those young people-all of them are bright and happy, smiling their way along life's way. Most of them are talented. We give music and speech without additional cost above academic tuition, so we get the most talented young people in the world. I am sorry for young people. When I was a boy I looked into a future that seemed fixed and certain. When I was in college the only question we asked was, we be ready for the future?" That was all we wanted to know. thought we knew what was ahead of us. But young people today do not know what is ahead of them. You older people do not know what is ahead of you. There never has been a time when the scenes of nations were shifting as they are today. I do not want to terrify any of you, but I sometimes wonder how long food will last in this destructive age. There may be ahead of us hunger and cold and trouble and starvation and sorrow. I do not want to paint a dark picture, but the world is in an uncertain state. It is a wonderful thing to be saved. I nearly shouted some days ago when I read that passage of Scripture, 'Though the earth be removed from under my feet, I will not get scared.' It does not say it that way—it says, "Therefore will not we fear." That pictures a man standing on the earth, this old planet eight thousand miles through and 25,000 miles around. He stands on it. It begins to slip out from under him and he says, "Let her slide! I do not need it anyhow!" If you have God, you have everything.

Years ago I was in Memphis, Tennessee, in a revival. One morning I said to the people, "I want you to tell us what Jesus means to you." They started to give their testimonies; I can hear them now. Somebody said, "He is the best Friend I ever had." Somebody else said, "He is dearer to me than my brother." Somebody else said, "He is my all in all." Somebody else said, "He is my daily companion." Somebody else said, "He is my comfort in sorrow." Somebody else said, "He is my hope in the night of sorrow." A man on the second seat got hold of the bench in front of him and tried to pull himself up. He made several efforts to get up and for a bit looked as if he were not going to make it. But after a little, the old fellow pulled stood there for a minute with his

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bling under the weight of his years. Then he stood straight and his shoulders back. looked like a soldier on parade as he said something I shall never forget. He said, "Brother Bob, I ain't got much in this world besides Jesus, but you know a fel-low doesn't need much else," and sat down. I have thought a thousand times of what he said. you have Jesus Christ, you have everything that is worth having. What is money without Christ? What is money without Christ? What is the world without Christ? Oh, I do not know what people do without Him!

There may be somebody here tonight unsaved. As wonderful as salvation is, as glorious as it is, you are sitting here in this service tonight unsaved, and what I am saying sounds like a foreign tongue to your heart. It is wonderful to be saved. It is wonderful in life. It is wonderful in death.

Christ, the Assurance and Comfort of the Dying

"Oh," you say, "I do not want to hear about dying." • do not either. do not like to think about it. Death never fascinated me. The poets can call it a dream, but it is no dream. People can talk about its being a beautiful venture, but it is no beautiful venture. We live in the shadow of the coffin. The first thing we listen to in this world is the baby's ory, and the last thing we listen to is a sigh. Death! Death! Wicked king! Cruel conqueror! His palace is a sepulcher, his flowers are painted garlands on coffin lids, his music is the cry of broken hearts. Death! I do not want to die. I wish Jesus would come in my lifetime. I have never wanted to die. There is something in me that instinctively pulls away from death. I do not want to die.

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talking to some man here tonight old weak, tired shoulders trem- It does not appeal to me. But I am not a fool; I can count. I am sixtytwo years old now. Sixty-two and eight will make seventy; and eighteen will be eighty-and it may not be that long. I can count. There never was a bigger lie born in Hell or hatched in the satanic domain than the statement: "You have plenty of time"!

The wise man prepares for the inevitable. The fool never prepares for the inevitable. If I must die, if with every heartbeat I am marching to the end of the journey, I am a fool not to get ready. If I knew that I must die before six o'clock tomorrow morning, I would not take chances with my soul for all the world.

Young people, and old people, listen to me: I have seen many people die. I have talked with them in their dying hour. I have seen the old and the young go. I have gone with men to the electric chair in prison. I have gone to the gate of death with members of my family. I have never heard a man in his dying hour say he was sorry he was a Christian. I have heard them say, "Oh, I am sorry I have sinned. I am sorry for the wasted years. I am sorry for everything wrong I ever did." But I have

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"And We Are Not Saved"

(Continued from page 2) never known any man in the pillow, lifted her head, and slip-shadow of death to look into the ped it under her head. She thankface of God and say, "I am sorry I am a Christian." People just do not die like that.

Death! Death! I do not want to think about it; but if I must die, if Jesus tarries and I must die, I want to be ready. And I am ready. If I had to die tonight I could not do anything I have not done. All I could do I have done. I have trusted Jesus Christ.

In my hand no price I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling.

Years ago a train pulled into a I do not want to go to a room. up right now, but assign me to a room." He seemed to be very nervous. The clerk looked at him, and he and others in the lobby wondered what was the matter with the man. He began to walk up and down the lobby of the ho-He said, "Oh, it was an awful thing! I never went through such an experience before in my life. I never saw anything like

They said. "That man is crazy." Somebody said, "What is the

matter with you, sin?"
He said, "Have you read the morning paper?"

"Yes, we read the paper." "Did you read about that rail-road wreck?"

"Yes, were you in it?" "Yes, I was in it."

"Tell us about it." "I don't know much about it. All I know is that I was in a day coach. It was a lovely morning. The window was open. The train was running perhaps fifty miles an hour. Oh, it was all so sud-den, I cannot tell you much about There was a grinding, a clash, and the cars rolled down the embankment. It was a terrible thing. I must have been thrown through the window, I am not sure; but that must have been what happened. I was dazed; I pulled myself together. The cars were all piled up. The people around me were crying. Somebody said, 'Get me out, I am dying. Do something for me, please!' I did not know what to do. I was so dazed I did not know what I was On the impulse of the moment, I tried to pick up the car. I looked down and there was a woman right near me. I am sort of a tough customer myself, I don't go to Sunday School or But that woman must have looked like an angel. was perhaps sixty years old. Her hair was white. The car was on her lower limbs crushing her, and she was smiling. She had the sweetest face I have ever seen. She looked at me and said, 'Oh, young man, don't bother about me. It wouldn't do any good to get me out. I couldn't live. I am all crushed and it doesn't matter. I am ready to die; I am a Christian. Get somebody else out. Don't bother about me; I am all

right anyway. Don't worry.'
"I saw another man coming along and I said, 'Come here, Mister! Come on right quickly—yes, yes — get the pole, yes, that big pole over there, and let's see what we can do.'

"He picked up a big pole and shoved it under the car, but we couldn't lift it. The old lady looked up so sweetly and said, 'Oh, young men, please don't worry about me. I am so far gone it wouldn't do any good to get me out. I am all right anyway. I am not afraid to die; I am ready to die. Try to get the other out. You might do something for them. Don't you hear them crying in pain?

"And, boys, I started off to do something for somebody else. But

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took off my coat, made a little ed me, and boys, she started singing. It must have been a Sun-day School song. I am not sure, but it probably was. I don't go to church, you know. But she

sang something about What a fellowship, what a joy

divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

"We began to break through the car and bring out the wounded and dead and dying. Every time we brought anybody by who was station in Ohio. A man rushed crying in pain, she would try to from the station to a hotel and registered. He said, "Assign me ing. The doctors, and nurses and ambulances began to gather around to pick up the people. I went back to see about my wo-She still looked like an angel. I leaned over and she was still singing, 'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.' She was smiling, too. She died with a whisper on her lips. Boys, I don't know what she had, but I want it. I want something that will help people die like that."

You here tonight can have that something. I will tell you how you can get it—just trust Jesus. In the early, palmy days of Methhearts of the odism. when the people burned, Wesley said, "Our derful to be saved. It is wonder- and pagans who never heard the

wonderful in death.

One time there was a man and his wife who did not have any children. They prayed for a baby to come into their home and kept praying. They talked about going to an orphans' home to get a baby. But one day a little baby was born to them. When the baby was born, they laid the little head on the arm of the mother. The father and nurse and the doctor were there. The mother looked up and said to the doctor, "Doctor, am I dying?"

He said, "Yes, dear. I am awfully sorry, but I must be honest with you. You are dying."

"Doctor, I wanted this little baby so bad. If I could take the little baby with me, I wouldn't mind dying."

The doctor said, "Well, I am sorry, but the little gate of death is so narrow, that you will have to go through it alone. You can't even take that wee little baby There is just room for along. You will have to go alone."

Doctor, don't tell her that. She can't take the baby-that is right. But there is one Person who can with her. His name is Jesus. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." We do not have to go alone. I am glad I am saved. It is won-

Let's look beyond the vale for just a moment. Let's get a picture out of the Bible. It is not my picture. All I am doing is pulling back the curtain and unveiling Yonder is Jesus up the picture. in Heaven. He puts His hand on the knob of Heaven's door, pulls What Folly Not to Be Saved! it open and starts down an unseen stairway. The moment He steps out of the gate of pearl, air to meet Him. They are the saved folks.

Here is another picture. Yonder is Jesus with a thunderbolt to me, "Look at him. I knew his on His brow and lightning flash- daddy. His daddy was a gentleing from His eyes, and sinners are running around begging mountains to fall on them and hills to inherited a million dollars. Look Which crowd do you belong to? Which throng are you with-the crowd going up, or the crowd he said to me, "Bob, do you know begging rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them?

It is wonderful to be saved. It is wonderful in life. It is wonderful in death. But some of you are not saved. Some of you are not saved and you had a chance to be saved. That is a tragedy. That is the saddest thing in the world. to have a chance to be saved and then turn away from it. I do not know about heathens and pagans.
I sometimes wonder if heathens

crowd die well." It is wonderful ful in life, wonderful in death, gospel do not belong to another to be saved. Wonderful! It is and wonderful in eternity! tion of conscience or some other dispensation. I do not know. But we are not talking about heathens and pagans and the dark savage tribes of the earth. We are talking about you in this congregation tonight.

I remember standing years ago on a street corner in a southern city. One of the bumiest old bums dead men in cemeteries and living. I ever saw staggered by. His hair people on earth leap up into the was matted with dirt. His face was dirty. His garments were ragged. His dirty body was infested with vermin. A man said man. His daddy was worth mil-This young fellow himself lions. hide them. Which is your crowd at him now—a bum! a bum! He had a chance to be a gentleman and he chose to be a bum." Then

anything worse than that?"
I said, "Yes, sir, I know things
worse than that."

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By Evangelist Robert J. Wells, Associate Editor

I have just been looking over some of the records of last year's great conference on evangelism at Winona Lake and have been rereading some of the interesting comments of those who attended people answered the call for fulland received such rich spiritual blessings, and it makes me feel like passing them on to our readers as a testimony of God's blessings last year, and also as a sample of the experiences we are going to have by God's grace this

Mrs. W. A. ("Ma") Sunday

One of the most enthusiatic of those attending the daily sessions of the conference was Mrs. W. A. Sunday, wife of the late "Billy" Sunday, one of the greatest evangelists of all time and a leader in many former conferences at Winona Lake. Her presence in the meetings was a source of encouragement to every speaker and to all who had a part in the conference program. On the last day of the conference Mrs. Sunday wrote:

"I thank God I have lived to attend the conference on evangelism. I have been inspired and encouraged. I see the light breaking through the clouds-I can almost feel the fire of revival. I'm glad I've helped hold the ropes here at Winona through the years so a conference of this deep spiratual nature could be possible."

Evangelist Hyman J. Appelman

Shortly after the close of the last *year's conference I received the following word from one of America's outstanding evangelists,

Dr. Hyman J. Appleman:
"This is from my heart. Thank God for the mighty burden the Holy Spirit kept on the souls of Dr. Rice and yourself. All of us who attended the evangelistic conference, in time all America, will be forever indebted to you the seven tremendous days. None of us will ever be quite the same.

A Pastor in Oregon

The state of Oregon is a long, long way from Winona Lake, Indiana, but we were privileged to some representatives from that far-off state at the conference on evangelism last year. One of them, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Roseburg, Oregon, Rev. H. P. Sconce, wrote Dr. Rice saying:

"I want to thank you for the privilege I had in attending the recent conference on evangelism Lord, at Winona Lake. . . . I came back from the conference with my sour on fire for the lost and am praying to be used of God to bring about a revival in this wicked about a revival of Oregon."

Dr. Hyman J. Appelman, Pt. Worth, Texas, popular Jewish evanglist; Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., founder and president of Bob College. Cleveland, Ten-

Evangelist Don Winters

A letter from Evangelist Don Winters of Massillon, Ohio, expresses the sentiments of many evangelists who were present at last year's conference. He wrote:

"I wish to say a word of personal appreciation to you for the great spiritual blessing I received at the conference on evangelism. It was a real spiritual experience and treat to me to fellowship with you and the other men of God, and God Himself spoke to me many times through the mes-

Evangelist Clifford Lewis

Dr. Clifford Lewis, popular evangelist, who was also present last year wrote giving his testimony concerning the results of the conference. He said:

"What about results? Many confessed and forsook their sins, some found Christ as Saviour. A great number knelt at the altar at differen times praying for power to witness to others. Scores of young time service, and even a greater number pledged to pray definitely about their life's work and said that they would answer God's call as He shows them His will. Multitudes of men, women and young people returned home with a burning passion to win the lost and see a revival in their communities. Several pastors are going into the evangelistic field and of us have ever known! plans were made for city-wide re-

"On every hand I heard the expression, "This is the best conference I have ever attended."

vivals throughout the nation.

And so we could go on quoting from letters which have come and are still coming from almost every part of the country, telling of the great blessings received last year, and making reservations for the conference this year, but the reports already given should be enough to create within your heart a real desire to attend the conference this year.

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Messages by Those Who Are on the Firing Line

The men who will speak on this year's conference program are men who have been on the firing line in the field of evangelism, most of them, for many years. They have been tried and tested and have proven themselves worthy of their place on such a program. They will be bringing messages based on their experiences on the field and with the Lord, backed by a thorough knowledge of the Word of God.

nessee, and for many years one of America's most popular evangelists; Dr. John R. Rice, Wheaton, Illinois, editor of The Sword of the Lord, popular evangelist and Bible teacher; Dr. Joe Henry Han-kins, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, brilliant southern Baptist evangelist; Merv Rosell, Rochester, Minnesota, popular evangelist and youth speaker; Dr. John MacArthur, Glendale, California, nationally known evangelist, and formerly director of the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation; Dr. Torrey M. John-

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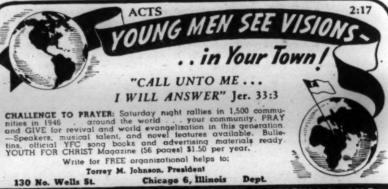
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By Evangelist John R. Rice

Forty-four Baptist churches of revival campaign in the City Auditorium, fifteen days, March 17-31. The fellowship has been won-derful. Crowds the first week have been continually growing, and the interest spreading. Thus far we have had perhaps two hundred professions including hundred those saved in children's meet-We ings and in a school or two. We earnestly believe God will continue His blessings.

After March 31, God willing, I the Greater Miami Baptist Associ- will be at home for the work in ation invited me to come to this the office and for a much needed southern Florida city for a special rest before the great campaign in Chicago.

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"And We Are Not Saved"

(Continued from page 3) "What could be worse?" he asked.

I said, "Today there are millions of people walking up and of water when they could have been walking shining streets of gold." Let me tell you something: you haven't any excuse. You have had a chance to be If you have never had one before, you have one tonight. If this is the last chance you will ever have, this one will leave you A wicked woman passed a home without excuse.

I run a college - how many thousands of mothers and fathers would be disappointed if their children never went to college. Oh, how they work their hands off to send their children to college. That is all right-I believe But I tell our faculty in Bob Jones College that if they let a student go through their classes without Jesus Christ, they are failures. The more a student learns, if they do not know God, the worse it is. Listen! Education when compared with salvation sinks into insignificance. I have one son. He is a preacher. But I would rather my boy would go to Heaven and have to walk up and have an angel make a mark for him because he could not sign his name than to have a son with a Doctor of Philosophy degree collar around his neck in Hell. Salvation! It is the only supreme thing in this world. Money, when you compare it with salvation, sinks into insignificance. Money has its place. It can feed the hungry. It can spread the gospel. It can buy tickets for missionaries. It can cross the sea. It has its place. It is important. But compared with salvation, money sinks into insignificance.

Good health is wonderful. Thank God for doctors. God for all that is being done to keep little babies well and give them the right food and build up their little bodies. But I do not care what you do for them, it will days. There were no divorced not be long until we will be following them to the grave. But their souls, and your soul, will never die. Your body will get old and feeble, and you will totter along down the road; but on and on and on forever your soul lives. Salvation is important, but some of you are not saved.

The Cost of the Salvation You Reject

And let me stop here to say emphatically that salvation costs an awful lot. I spoke to you this afternoon about the cross. We

In the cross of Christ I glory Towering o'er the wrecks of

but men and women, that cross has not always been a glorious about it now. People wear crosses on necklaces these days. You never saw anybody wear a watch fob misunderstanding, and the shadow electric chair. You never saw anybody, wear the image of a man hanging by the neck for a watch hanging by the neck for a watch fob or a necklace. And yet the The purest girl who ever blushed cross was the most shameful way of death the-world ever knew. It was worse than an electric chair. It was worse than a gas chamber. It was worse than a gallows on which men hang. It did not look like it looks now when Jesus hung Everything that Jesus ever touched He purified. He touched childhood into beauty. He put His arms around the cradles of the world and babyhood has never been the same. He touched womanhood into queenly beauty. Be-

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fore He came, girl babies were not welcome and women were slaves. But when He came from Heaven to earth by way of the body of a virgin He crowned lions of people walking up and woman queen and put her on a down the corridors of Hell with throne. When He hung on the parched tongues crying for a drop cross in ignominy and shame, He made it so beautiful that men have put it on churches.

> But, oh, that cross! I told you today about it. He lived in the shadow of the cross all His life. was misunderstood. would have thought anybody would have understood Jesus. Little babies would come to Him. where He was eating, and said, Yonder is my Friend. He will not kick me around." She went in and poured out her tears and washed His feet and kissed them and dried them with her hair. Anybody could get to Him. But He was so misunderstood. People said everything about Him. They talked about Him. They even accused Him of being in business with Beezlebub, the prince of de-How He was slandered! How He was misunderstood! Yet He was so approachable. meanest thing ever said about Jesus was said one day by some religious leaders. They said, 'We are not born of fornication. We know who our father is.' They implied that Jesus was conceived out of wedlock. They whispered around in Nazareth about it. doubt women would say, "Well, you know we ought to forget, I suppose; but you have heard the story about Mary, haven't you? Oh, you haven't? Well, we just won't talk about it." All His life that was what they thought about Him. The Bible says He made the world. He was in the world; the world did not even know Him. They did not know who that Baby They did not know who it was. was walking around among them.

When I was a boy in southeast Alabama, a woman along in years moved into an old deserted farm house out in the middle of a fielde women. And this woman had a little girl. Everybody whispered around that that girl did not have a legal father. Her mother had She came never been married. to our country school. She used to bring her dinner in a little tin bucket, a little lard bucket. The lard had been emptied out, and she would put her little lunch in there and bring it to school. Noon would come and all the happy children from homes of respectability would walk out and sit down on a log while they ate their lunches. Nobody would go about that little girl. I can see her now in that little calico dress, and with her little bucket, sitting out there all alone on the log. Sometimes I feel like I want to cry when I think of it. I wish I had gone and sat down by her. I think

All the life of Jesus was like that. He lived in the shadow of I left him alone. He and I are misunderstanding, and the shadow keeping bachelor quarters up of shame. Then one day He was nailed to a cross. When He hung on that cross He was naked. with modesty was not as refined as He was. One time He was in a boat; there were some rough fishermen there. They were naked and when they looked at Him and knew who He was they leaped

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into the water and made a gar- over an old store." ment out of the lashing waves to hide their nakedness from Him. But there He was on the cross, naked, with the mob about Him, howling, cursing, mocking. There He hung. The men who cruci-fied Him were down at the foot of the cross gambling for His robe. Do you know why Jesus hung in naked shame? He did that so you would have something to wear in Heaven. He wanted you to have a robe of righteousness, a spotless robe, so some day you could walk down streets of gold under a cloudless sky and in an atmosphere of purity and yet never be ashamed. That is what it cost.

Opportunity for Salvation Passes Away

But some of you are not saved. You are not saved and your chances of being saved are passing every day. You have the poorest chance this Sunday night to be saved that you have ever had in your life. This is the poorest chance you have ever had. But it is the best chance you will ever have again. Never again will you as good a chance to find Christ as you have tonight. The first chance God gives us is the best chance we ever have. It is easy for little children to be saved. The last chance God gives us is the poorest chance. I used to read in my Bible about the rich man in Hell and wonder why he never asked to get out of Hell. He asked for a drop of water. He asked that Lazarus might go back and try to keep his brothers from coming. But he did not say, "Can I get out of here?" Do you know why? He lived in sin. He died in sin. He went to Hell in sin. And when he reached eternity, the brakes just would not work He gathered momentum on his downward road to eternal degradation. Listen to me, sinners, don't you put this thing off! Don't you put it off! You are playing with God and eternity and judgment and the destiny of your soul Don't put it off! Your last chance is coming someday. Here is a crowd tonight. In the marble slab over the grave of somebody here tonight, "1946" will be chiseled.

I was in a mission in New York City one time where cards were being passed out. The cards said,

"If I were to die tonight I would go to ..

Name

Where would you go, if you were to die tonight?

I remember years ago in Louisiana town I spoke one Sunday afternoon in an opera house to a great men's meeting. Just as I finished my message rushed upon the stage behind me and said, "Mr. Jones, will you come with me quickly to see my dying brother? I got my coat and hat and we slipped out the back way and started down the alley.

I said, "Is your brother really

dying?" He said, "Oh, yes, he's dying." I said, "Who is with him."

He said, "Nobody is with him.

I said, "What is the matter with white. him?

He said, "Consumption-pulmonary tuberculosis. He has had one hemorrhage after another. All my folks died with tuberculosis. I have been nursing him, trying to do the best I could. I had a little money saved up and have spent it all sitting by his bed."

I said, "Is your brother a Chris-

He said, "No, sir, that is what wanted with you. I am a Christian, but my brother is not. I prayed for him and I read the Bible, but I can't do anything with him." By this time we had come to the side of a building and were starting up the steps. When we got to the top of the steps, we crossed the hall and went into a room. You know what a death chamber is like. The ticking of a clock is like the striking of an We walked up to the bedanvil. I can see the fellow now. His shirt was all covered with blood and there were streaks of blood down his face. He had a thin face and a thin chest.

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His hands were milky white. The man who had come for me said, "Brother, this is Mr. Bob Jones, the preacher who is holding a meeting here." He lifted his hands and with a death rattle in his throat, said, "I-amglad-to-see-you."

I caught his hand and held it. I said, "I want to read you a verse out of the Bible."

He says, "It-is-too-late."

His brother said, "No, Brother, it isn't too late."

I said, "No, it isn't too late. God loves you. Jesus died for you.

He said, "It-is-too-late."

His brother said, "Keep reading, Mr. Jones. Don't stop. Keep on reading. Just read right on.' I said, "No, it isn't too late. God loves you. Jesus died for you."

He said, "It is too late. This chance is too late. I can't think, I am weak and sick. I have worn out my life for the devil. It-ist-o-o-late."

Tonight it is not too late for you -wait a minute! If you go out of this building tonight without God, it may be too late for you; but it

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More About Tongues

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the Bible never says that these gifts would pass away, and God may, if He chooses, give again the gift of tongues to people that they may preach the gospel in other languages. Even in Bible times this was the least gift and was not often given. The Bible mentions instances. three one Jerusalem at Pentecost (Acts 2:4), another at Cornelius' household to convince the gainsaying Jews who doubted their conversion (Acts 10:46), and the third at Ephesus, that city of many languages (Acts 19:6). The only case thoroughly described in the Bible that at Pentecost, and it is proper to consider the other two cases similar. From references elsewhere in the Bible (Mark 16:17; I Cor., chapters 12, 13, 14), we believe there were occasionally other cases of the gift of tongues: Such gifts may casionally occur today where God can be glorified in them. I do not know of any well verified case. The natural indication from the Scriptures is that all the spiritual gifts will continue to crop up through the ages in isolated cases whenever the need for them arises, when Chirst can be glorifled in them. If the gift of tongues exists today, it is no more important now than it was in Bible times when it was regarded as the least of the gifts and not nearly so important as prophesying, teaching, etc. (I Cor. 14:19; I Cor. 14:39).

The usual Pentecostal position on the gift of tongues is a wrong interpretation of a Bible doctrine

"And We Are Not Saved

(Continued from page 5) is not too late for you now. Oh, men and women, I believe God sent you this message. I wanted to preach another sermon and, Holy Ghost is come upon you: and somehow, I just could not. Oh, be saved . tonight!

My Decision for Christ

If you realize that you are a lost sinner and will here and now accept Christ as your Saviour, will you not write to the editor and tell me that you have trusted Christ? I will send Dr. Bob Jones word, and we will rejoice togeth-I will also send you a letter tell me that you have trusted You may sign and then copy the decision below, or write me in your own words. Do it today, dear friend! Oh, how sad and dangerous not to be saved!

Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor The Sword of the Lord 214 West Wesley Street Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Brother Rice:

I have read the good sermon, "And We Are Not Saved," by Dr. Bob Jones in The Sword of the Lord. I realize that it is terrible had any necessary connection with not to be saved. I am sorry for my sins and so here and now I repent of them and trust Jesus unusual Christ to save me.

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and an unscriptural empahsis on that doctrine, I believe. But the teaching that speaking with tongues is always a Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is worse. It has not a single verse in the Bible to stand upon, and I can clearly prove it to be un-scriptural if you read carefully and check up the Scriptures for yourself.

Greatest Spirit-Filled Soul Winners Did Not Speak in Tongues

Before we read the Scriptures on this question, let me remind you that the men of God who gave the most evidence of being baptized with the Holy Spirit down through the ages never "spoke with tongues" and did not believe in it. The men who won the most souls, who turned more people to God, who best represented the Lord Jesus Christ and gave the best evidence that they were filled, anointed, or baptized with His Spirit, did not speak with tongues as an evidence of that. The men used of God to light the revival fires through the ages have usually not spoken with tongues or believed in anything of that kind.

Count Zinzendorf of Herrnhut, Germany, led the great Moravian revival, the influence of which went around the world and resulted in multiplied thousands of conversions. He believed in and sought and had a heavenly anointing of the Holy Spirit, power from on high. He got it without speaking in tongues.

John Wesley was far more than the founder of Methodism. He was the instrument used under God for the salvation of multi-The great revivals which swept England and much of America as a result of the blessing of God upon his ministry have never died. He spoke much of "the gift of the Spirit" and of "the witness of the Spirit." We believe that he truly had fulfilled in him the promise of Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power, after that the ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the ut-termost part of the earth." Yet he had it without speaking in tongues.

Charles Spurgeon, the great English Baptist, was pastor, au-thor, and founder of missionary enterprises and pastors' college, whose sermons in printed form yet thrill and bless thousands. of counsel and comfort if you will Spurgeon did not speak in ton-

> Charles G. Finney was anointed of God to lead in a great awakening which resulted in an estimated number of from one hundred thousand to two hundred thoursions. In his auto-Memoirs of Rev. sand conversions. biography, Memoirs of Rev. Charles G. Finney, he tells more than once that he was literally "baptized with the Holy Spirit" and described that occasion in detail. He did not speak with tongues and never taught nor believed that speaking in tongues the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

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R. A. Torrey believed that he was definitely baptized in the Holy Spirit for service. He used that term in discussing it. Besides, he gave marvelous evidences of the power of this same Holy Spirit in his ministry. Yet he never spoke in tongues, never believed in it, but opposed it.

Billy Sunday never spoke in tongues. Neither did Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman nor Sam Jones nor Gipsy Smith. Certainly these cases prove that one can be filled with the Spirit of God without speaking with tongues, that speaking with tongues is not necesary as a proof of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

It is surprising, but true, that this false doctrine, that speaking with tongues is a necessary dence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, has not a single verse of Scripture to support it. Not one time does the Bible say that speaking with tongues is the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit or of any other work of the Holy Spirit.

In fact, the Bible plainly tells us what evidence to expect when one is filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus said to His disciples who were waiting for Pentecost, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ." (Acts 1:8). Soul-winning power was the evidence the disciples were commanded to expect when the Holy Spirit came upon them. Soul-winning power is what we need. All the tongues in the world would not indicate that a Christian had the Spirit of Christ if he did not win souls in the power of the Holy Spirit. If one has this Heavenly gift, this power of the Spirit to witness for Christ, then that itself is proof enough and needs no talking in unknown languages to prove the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Talking in a foreign language or a language no one understands, confusion and selfish ecstasy, even though one uses (as Paul says) "ten thousand words in an unknown tongue," are all no evidence that the Spirit of God has fallen upon His people. God's Word names the evidence in Acts 1:8 and we must not allow anyone to substitute the tongues for the power which God promised.

Bible Cases of People Filled With the Spirit Without Talking in Tongues

In three cases people were filled with the Spirit and were miraculously used of God to speak in other languages. They are described in Acts 2:4, Acts 10:46 and Acts 19:6. But in numerous other cases in the Bible people were filled with the Holy Spirit AND DID NOT SPEAK WITH OTHER LANGUAGES.

In Acts 2:4 notice these nine words, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." In that with the Holy Ghost." In that case they spoke in other languages Dr. L. Moody had a great and by the miraculous power of God. the Now look at Acts 4:31 and read again the same nine words about in New York City, preparing him the same people, "And they were that he had "looked into the faces that exactly the same words are

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this second case they did not speak in other tongues! They were filled with the Spirit and spoke with other tongues at Pentecost. They were filled with the Spirit and did not speak with other tongues, a little later. tainly this proves that speaking in tongues is not necessary to being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Some other cases where people were filled with the Holy Ghost in Bible times and yet speaking in other languages is not mentioned are in Luke 1:15; Luke 1:41; Luke 1:67. In that one chapter we are told that John the Baptist, his mother Elizabeth, and his father Zacharias were each separately "filled with the Holy Ghost." The same term is used as that in Acts 2:4. The same essential thing happened as at Pentecost. Yet none of these "spoke with tongues." cost.

The deacons at Jerusalem were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 6:3, 5), particularly Stephen. Stephen was full of the Holy Ghost again as recorded in Acts 7:55 and we are told what he said. Philip preached in Samaria and had a great revival and Peter and John came and prayed for the converts "that they might receive the Holy Ghost" and they did (Acts 8:14-17). Yet not a word is said about any of these deacons or the converts at Samaria speaking in other tongues or languages, neither at their conversions, nor when they were first filled with the Holy Spirit, nor afterwards.

Paul the apostle is a good example. We are definitely told exactly when he was first filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17). And yet Paul, whose labors were more abundant than any other apostle, never talked with other languages, at that time. Paul preached in many languages to many people, but there is never a hint in the Bible that he ever

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ple were not present who understood it. Paul did not need speaking in tongues as a sign that he was filled with the Holy Ghost. He had soul-winning power to witness for Christ. That was the thing that was promised, and that is the evidence he had. You may have the same evidence which was promised in Acts 1:8.

Certainly any open - minded Christian who reads these Scriptures must see that speaking in tongues was never intended as an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

A False and Heretical Tongues Movement in Bible Times at Corinth

Today we have people who seek ome outward show instead of inward power. Today we have peo-ple (unlike Paul) who would rather speak ten thousand words in an unknown tongue than five

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words with the understanding! They, perhaps unconsciously sometimes seek the praise of men rather than the power of God. Well, that is not surprising for there were the same kind of weak, superficial and mistaken Christians in Bible times as there are now. Nearly every kind of heresy of modern times was first exhibit ed in the churches mentioned in the New Testament. The church in the city of Corinth seems to have had more heresy and divi-sions than most of the other churches. They divided over Paul, Cephas, Apollos and Christ! (I Cor. 1:12). Some of them got drunk at the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:21). They kept in membership and fellowship a man living in open shame with his stepmother (I Cor. 5:1). Their women took too prominent a part in the church services and had to be re-buked by the apostle (I Cor. 14:34-35). And here at Corinth the modern false and perverted tongues movement seems to have A study of Paul's rebuke in the fourteenth chapter of I Corinthians shows that the doctrine and practice of the Christians at Corinth of the tongues movement was not what the apostles had had at Pentecost. These Christians that Paul brands as "carnal" and not "spiritual," as "babes," not able to bear spiritual meat, became fanatical on the tongues matter, perverted the Lord's teaching on it, and gave it undue importance. And it resulted in the same kind of confusion, false doctrine, women preachers and lack of edification which accompanies the tongues movement

Paul knew that the Corinthian Christians were "ignorant" cerning spiritual gifts" (I Cor. 12:1). He, inspired of God, used three chapters, 12, 13 and 14, of I Corinthians, in dispelling their ignorance and correcting their mistake about spiritual gifts. In this passage more is said about the tongues question than in all the rest of the Bible together. In 12:30 he teaches that all do not speak with tongues. In 12:31 he starts out to show them a better way than tongues. In 13:1 he says that if one talked in all the languages of men and of angels besides, without love, he would still be like sounding brass and tin-kling cymbals. In 14:1 he urges rather prophecy ton tongues, since speaking in a language not known by those who hear it can-not edify them. Paul particularly rebuked either praying or speaking in a language not known by those present (I Cor. 14:6, 14-15). Then Paul gave some rigid rules to control this heresy and to bring the people of Corinth back to a spiritual understanding of the tongues question.

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These heretical and carnal Christians at Corinth did not have what Christians had at Pentecost. For one thing, the tongues or languages in which the people were speaking at Corinth were not miraculously given. That busy city, where so much of the commerce of the world came, had people of many, many dialects, both Jews and Gentiles. They began to make much of speaking ices, whether anybody else could thians 12:28. Apostles were not understand them or not. They made anostles just to please themunderstand them or not. were not using some special and blessed manifestation of God, given by the Holy Spirit to edify people. Instead, they had confusion, many talking at once, each trying to imitate the heavenly gift. God was not the author of the confusion, Paul said (I Cor. 14:33). Paul would not be rebuking what the Holy Spirit had given. The fact that it was confu-

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Notice again that the speaking interpretation which was practiced at Corinth, was not supernatural. God did not do it. It was not the result of the Spirit's work-Carnal-minded Christians. ing. saved people who were not develtheir trouble was, not what Paul

God Never Gave a Language (or them to desire spiritual gifts, but Tongue) to Anybody Except That Others Might Hear and Understand and Be Instructed By It

> Put this down and remember it -God never works foolishly. God never gave anybody the power to speak in a language except in order that somebody should hear in that language and be edified by it. God never gave anybody the power to interpret language except to interpret some foreign language to people in his own tongue so that they would be blessed. In other words, God never gave anybody power either to speak in another language or to understand another language except that somebody should be edified (instructed or inspired) by the gift. The spiritual gifts mentioned in I Corinthians 12 were all meant for objective blessings and never just for the enjoyment of the one who the gift. Read made apostles just to please themselves. Prophets were not made prophets just to prophesy to themselves. Teachers were never made teachers just to enjoy the Word of

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God for themselves. "Miracles, not to them that believe, but to insist on the tongues heresy, Paul gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues' were gifts-given of God for the edifying of the body of Christ (Eph. 4:12) and never just for the individual.

In I Corinthians 14:4 Paul said, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself." That is, he himself enjoys giving his testimony, even though he speaks in German when no one else present understands German. Such a man does not edify the church, so he is commanded to speak to himself alone and to God. But notice that is not a miraculous speaking in tongues, not "the gift of tongues," not what the disciples had at Pentecost. It is all right for a native German to praise God in German or pray or sing in Ger-man. But it is not right for him to do that in an English-speaking congregation who do not understand his words and are not edifled and are not blessed. That verse does not mean that one edifies himself if he speaks in a language that he himself does not understand. On the contrary, he may be giving way to the leadership of evil spirits who would do him great harm instead of blessthou sayest?" That is, when the ing him. Or one who talks in a gibberish he himself does not understand may be simply giving be able to preach to these Jews: way to hysteria after long mental Parthians, Medes, Elamites and people talked in various languages strain or may be copying someone which all could not understand else, either consciously or unconsciously. In any case, God never UNLEARNED . . . will they not intimated that a Christian should say that ye are mad?" Even at ever speak a language he does not Corinth they had not gotten the understand or others present do not understand. That may make him feel "as light as a feather," that no one understood without but it is not the experience of some divine gift. In that the Christians in the New Testament. modern tongues, movement has Even if God in His kindness, gives somebody a language which no one else understands, or somein tongues, or languages, and the thing they take for a language,

If you read over the fourteenth chapter of I Corinthians carefully with this in mind, you will see that again and again Paul rebukes oped in spiritual things, simply the idea of talking before people used what learning they had to in a language that they do not show off, whether anybody else understand. He says that even mad?" The only way that so-was edified or not. Had it been musical instruments like the pipe called "speaking in tongues" could of God, Paul would not have re- or harp or trumpet are never used buked it. There was a spiritual except to give some known disgift of speaking in tongues, and tinction in sound (I Cor. 14:7, 8) some Corinthian Christians may Ir our services we never use the have had it, but that is not what piano except that the notes played have a very definite meaning. Our was discussing in I Corinthians, people can all tell the difference between the notes of "In the Sweet By and By" or "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Paul says that the trumpet (or bugle) in the army would be of no use if there were no distinct and well understood difference in the calls "reveille" or "charge" or "re-treat." The whole argument is treat." this, that it is useless and foolish to talk and people not know what you mean. That is Paul's argu-It is still an unanswerable argu-Remember that argument ment. is divinely inspired, and man cannot answer the arguments of God!

Let us not make an artificial of divine inspiration people still any circumstances. carnal Christians of Corinth did.

Tongues a "Sign" to Unbelievers

In I Corinthians 14:22 Paul said, Wherefore tongues are for a sign,

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them that believe not." Some people have used this verse as an argument for speaking in tongues. the Scripture, for Paul, the inspired apostle, uses it particularly as an argument AGAINST such speaking in tongues as they had at Corinth . In the same verse he er words, Paul said there is no use for a Christian to talk in some other language if he alone hears and still less reason to talk in some other language if other people present do not understand it. Christians meeting in the church assembly do not need the supernatural evidence of speaking with tongues. That is not to be a sign to Christians. The only way it had been used in the past, Paul said, was as a sign to unbelievers. What did Paul mean?

What he meant was this. vout in the Jewish religion but not converted to Christ, heard the disciples speaking as they said, "in our own tongues wherein we were born." They were amazed dwellers in Mesopotamia, etc., in guage. their own languages. There was no power in the simple fact that they heard these Galilean Christians talking. The power of the sign was that the unsaved people UNDERSTOOD what was said. The testifying and prophesying of wonderful works of God was in their own language! Today if you who never spoke Chinese, could approach a Chinaman and speak the gospel to him perfectly in his own language by a miraculous power, that would be a sign to him that God sent you.

But to speak in a language or noise that neither you nor the Chinaman understood would not be a sign to him. Paul said about such a case in I Corinthians 14:23, "Will they not say that ye are called "speaking in tongues" could be a sign to anybody is that one would be speaking in a language he could hear and understand. Otherwise he would have no way to tell whether it was of God or a fraud and would likely, as the Holy Spirit impressed Paul to write, simply think the speaker was mad, or crazy!

"Forbid Not to Speak in Tongues." Why?

At the close of this long pasincluding I Corinthians, chapters 12, 13 and 14, Paul says, "But if any man be ignorant, let hausted the subject! He starts the

says, then let them stay ignorant!
To some people you cannot prove a matter by the Word of God. However, that is a perversion of They prefer their own experiences or opinions or reason. minded or prejudiced people, who seek to make a big impression on others by what they call "speaking in tongues," may not listen to adds, "But prophesying serveth the message of God in these chaptor them that believe not, but for them which believe." In oth-cludes, must remain spiritually ignorant on the question.

> Then Paul closes the chapter in verses 39 and 40 with these words: "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order.

."Forbid not to speak with tongues," Paul says, or so that will not misunderstand it, you Forbid not people to speak in different languages.' (Remember that the word tongues means languages.) With all the warnings Pentecost unsaved Jews from every nation under Heaven, deshould ever speak in a foreign language. In the first place, foreigners might be in the service sometimes, and some provision ought to be made so that they, like at that. It was obviously a miracle of God that Galileans should or prophecy if God gave them a message. There is nothing essentially wrong with a foreign lan-The Holy Spirit simply commands that foreign language be used only to edifying and building up. If the foreign language is simply a natural language, do not forbid it. For instance, in a revival I had in northern Oklahoma, Indians were present who could not well speak English. It was proper for them then to testify in their own language in the services, provided someone interpreted it to the people and there was no confusion about it.
A similar thing occurred in anamong French other revival spaking people in Louisiana. If a Frenchman were present in a service where most of the people understood only English, then the Frenchman should be permitted to take part as well as others, provided he meets the Bible requirements, that he speak in order, that someone interpret what he says, etc. Or if an English speaking man was a missionary among the French, and God miraculously gave him power to teach and preach in the French language, then we are not to forbid that. Summing up the entire three chapters, I Corinthians 12, 13 and 14, we may say that it is always wrong and foolish to have speaking in any language that people cannot understand and be blessed by, yet we are not to forbid the use of various known languages, provided they are used according to the rules set down in this chapter. The Holy Spirit does not forhim be ignorant." Paul has ex- bid the use of any definite language just so it is used according ment against the tongues heresy. discussion in I Corinthians 12:1, to these rules. However, these "Now concerning spiritual gifts, Scriptures do not encourage an brethren, I would not have you unknown tongue which is not unignorant." If after three chapters derstood by the hearers, under

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agrees. It commands the parents, Train up a child in the way he should go," The child is under no obligation to "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," if no seed has been sown in his heart and life by precept and ex-ample which he can "remember."

Jesus demanded, "SUFFER little children . . . to come unto me," and we lay stress upon the word "suffer." It means "allow, permit, let," and suggests that many a parent is not allowing, not permitting the child to "come unto Him." While many a child is half-damned before it is born, during childhood its doom is almost certainly sealed either by the criminal neglect of its parents or overt acts of sin which blight its tender, sensitive, eternal soul.

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How unlike the ancient mother Rizpah (II Sam. 21: 10) who stood over the bodies of her dead sons shooing away the vultures by day and driving off the beasts at night, are the moderns who leave their children an open prey of such vultures as filthy movies, vicious literature, and obscene sex-inflaming stories which they themselves approve. Parents arouse yourselves to your God-given re-sponsibilities. Keep vigil as divinely appointed guardians of souls. Shoo away the vultures. Action, immediate action, by aroused, concerned, repentant parents, is the only solution to America's Fifth Column. Parent, permit me to ask you in the words of the prophet of old, "Is it well with THEE—is it well with THY CHILD?" This parent-child sequence is most emphatic.

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Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought;

And back to the flock, safe in the

'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought. And why for the sheep should we

earnestly long, And as earnestly hope and pray? Because there is danger, if they go wrong,

THEY WILL LEAD THE LAMBS ASTRAY,

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,

Wherever the sheep may stray; When the sheep go wrong, it will not be long

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